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INDICTMENT FOR FELON IN POSSESSION OF 96 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA

SACRAMENTO--United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a one-count indictment charging JOSE ANGEL SERRANO, 35, of Sacramento with possession of marijuana for sale.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the California Department of Corrections, Parole and Community Services Division, and the Sacramento Police Department .

According to Assistant United States Attorney Carolyn K. Delaney, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that on April 6, 2005, SERRANO possessed approximately 96 pounds of marijuana with the intent to distribute it. The indictment further alleges that SERRANO has previously suffered four felony drug convictions.

If convicted, the maximum penalty under federal law for each offense of possession of marijuana with intent to distribute is 10 years in prison, a fine of \$500,000, and a period of supervised release of life.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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